

ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Performance Measure	R I	R U	Actual Results	Est. Results	YTD Total	Est. YTD Total
Maintain disease-free classifications for: Bovine Brucellosis Bovine Tuberculosis Swine Brucellosis Swine Pseudorabies S. pullorum-typhoid	Q	%	100% for all categories	100%	100%	100%
Response readiness for animal health emergencies and disasters	Q	%	>65%	100%	>65%	>65%

(2) Process Improvements/Status Reports

The US-Canadian border is still closed to live ruminants because of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow disease"). Certain Canadian animal products are being imported into the US through USDA's permitting process.

(3) Activities Narrative

On November 6, Dr. Eldridge attended the sheep producers meeting. Discussion was on animal identification and at present, the continuation of the scrapie program.

On November 8 and 9, attended and spoke at the Washington Dairy Federation conference at Shamaoo close to Blaine. Discussion was on animal identification, Johne's Disease, Bovine Leukosis and possibly testing on shipments of cattle from Canada. There is concern Johne's could be linked to human health and what could be done. I explained the Johne's surveillance program. The dairy people feel we are a dumping ground for positive Johne's and Bovine Leukosis since we do not have a test requirement on Canadian cattle. Their recommendation was to set up a test. They feel Canada is testing and sending us the positive ones since we are not testing.

On November 10, Dr. Eldridge attended the Washington Cattlemen's Association conference in Pasco. Discussion was on animal identification, Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, Johne's, Bovine Leukosis, Bluetongue and what restrictions can be put on Canadian cattle. A resolution was passed asking for the recognition of WADDL at WSU, to be able to make tentative diagnosis on quarantinable and foreign animal diseases so a more rapid assessment of whether an event needed action or not. Final diagnosis to be made by USDA-APHIS.

On November 12, Dr. Eldridge addressed the livestock health committee during the cattlemen's conference. Discussed testing cattle from Canada and the possibility of preventing test positive animals from entering the US. He addressed Pasado's Safe Haven.

On November 13, Dr. Eldridge left Pasco and drove to Wenatchee and met with Washington State Horsemen. Discussion was about West Nile Virus, the symptoms in the horse and prevention and treatment. Also covered were animal identification, Equine Infectious Anemia,

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and length of time they could be in effect before needing another one. The industry people asked if we could make a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection good for a year. Dr. Eldridge explained that due to the shorter incubation of EIA and many other infectious diseases that it would not be good medicine. He addressed Pasado's Safe Haven.

On November 16, Dr. Eldridge attended the Poultry Institute Conference sponsored by Dr. Singh Dhillon of the WSU Avian Health Laboratory in Puyallup. Issues discussed at the conference were:

- 1) E. Coli and Campylobacter were discussed and the relevance of eggs and chicks and human transmission.
- 2) When to use and the effectiveness of vaccination of birds and the difference between modified live and killed vaccines.
- 3) Avian Influenza and how it evolves, biosecurity and minimum standards and how to develop a plan.
- 4) Salmonella, prevention measures, types (wet or dry), vaccination as an intervention and treatment.
- 5) The roll of fatty acids in the diet.

Dr. Eldridge talked to producers and veterinarians that were very interested in developing an emergency plan in the case of an outbreak.

Dr. Dhillon would like to do more egg surveillance if he had the funding. He has the eggs but not the funds to do the surveillance.

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Performance Measure	R I	R U	Actual Results	Est. Results/ Target	YTD Total	Est. YTD Total/Results Target
% of all food processors maintained in substantial compliance with GMPs, laws, and regulations.	M	%	93% M (11/1/04-11/30/04)	95% M (11/1/04-11/30/04)	95% YTD (7/1/04-11/30/04)	95% (7/1/04-11/30/04)
% of formal corrective actions issued to non-compliant firms.	M	%	100% (11/1/04-11/30/04)	100% (11/1/04-11/30/04)	100% (7/1/04-11/30/04)	100% (7/1/04-11/30/04)
% of TA visits per no. of TA requests received.	Q	%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Hours spent on TA activities for FSP.	Q	Hrs	QTD 4.5 Hrs (10/1/04-12/31/04)	QTD 300 Hrs (10/1/04-12/31/04)	YTD 396 Hrs (7/1/04-11/30/04)	500 Hrs (7/1/04-11/30/04)
Percentage of seafood operations Inspected with HACCP system procedures.	Q	%	3.3% QTD (10/1/04-12/31/04)	25 % QTD (10/1/04-12/31/04)	7.3% YTD (7/1/04-11/30/04)	41.7 % YTD (7/1/04-11/30/04)
% of IMS regulatory survey enforcement scores at overall passing level.	Q	%	100% QTD (10/1/04-12/31/04)	100% QTD (10/1/04-12/31/04)	100% YTD (7/1/04-11/30/04)	100% YTD (7/1/04-11/30/04)
EGG PROGRAM			YTD % of Compliance	Insp. ct	YTD No. Insp.	YTD/EST No. Insp.
% Compliance with egg grading facility requirements (score 90 or above).	Q	%	50% YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	2 Q (10/1/03-12/31/03)	2 YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	15 YTD (6/30/04)
% Compliance with WA State/US Standards for shell eggs.	Q	%	99 YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	120 Q (10/1/03-12/31/03)	120 YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	600 YTD (6/30/04)
% of time, initial response is within one workday. (Consumer complaints)	Q	%	100 YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	3 Q (10/1/03-12/31/03)	3 YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	6-8 YTD (6/30/04)

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(2) Process Improvements/Status Reports

User Interface Design Committee

Food Safety Program staff along with other division staff have continued to meet with Brewer Consulting to discuss project goals and what will happen in the next phases.

(3) Activities Narrative

FDA Proposed Hen House Rule Update

Jim Pressley participated in a FDA conference call for the proposed hen house rule update on November 1st and met with Andy Scarborough and Claudia Coles on November 9th to discuss the rule update.

Reidel Overspray

November 3rd, Food Safety Program Manager Claudia Coles met with Chris Swanson, AAG regarding the pending Riedel over spray complaint.

AI Stakeholder Meeting

On November 10th an AI Stakeholder meeting was held in Olympia.

Snohomish Co Ag Conference

On November 18th Program Manager Claudia Coles and Food Safety Supervisor Scott Fox attended the Snohomish County Ag Conference at the Monroe Fairgrounds. Claudia Coles attended as a guest speaker on behalf of Valoria Loveland, Agency Director.

Homeland Security (HLS) Meeting - Strategic Plans and Business Plans

On November 22nd Claudia Coles & Jim Pressley attended the HLS meeting to discuss the HLS Program and the progress that has been made and to identify the direction the agency is headed.

Animal Disposal Meeting

November 22nd, Claudia Coles attended the Animal Disposal Meeting in Olympia.

Pacific Region Milk Seminar

Jim Pressley, Gena Reich, and Claudia Coles attended the annual Pacific Region Milk Seminar November 16 – 18th in Reno, NV. Claudia Coles presented the new dairy HACCP. Gena Reich participated in the Pacific Region Equipment Review Committee on the 14th and 15th.

Egg Activities/USDA/FDA/WSDA/DOH Cooperative Work

Salmonella Issues

Work continues in conjunction with the WA Dept of Health to develop education and training materials for distribution to feed stores and other places where baby chicks are sold to warn consumers regarding the dangers of handling baby chicks and ducklings. Chicks and ducklings and pet reptiles can carry salmonella bacteria that can cause food borne illness in humans, much as it did in Washington and Oregon this past spring.

Food Inspection Program personnel worked effectively as a team to evaluate and digest some 164 pages of FDA Proposed Regulations mandating environmental testing of layer houses and eggs as one component of the Egg Safety Action Plan.

The regulations are contained in a proposed new rule from the US Food and Drug Administration aimed at requiring shell egg producers to implement measures to prevent Salmonella enteritidis from contaminating eggs on the farm.

The proposed rule would apply to producers with 3,000 or more laying hen flocks that produce shell eggs for retail sale and do not process their eggs with a treatment, such as pasteurization, to prevent SE contamination.

Other proposals by FDA aimed at reducing SE contamination in shell eggs calls for:

- Purchase chicks and pullets from breeder flocks that meet USDA's National Poultry Improvement Plan Standards.
- Maintain a biosecurity program to prevent SE from being transmitted from the environment into the poultry house.
- Pest and Rodent Control programs.
- Cleaning and disinfection of poultry houses between flocks.
- Refrigerated storage of eggs at the farm.
- Identification of a person responsible for SE prevention.
- Comprehensive record keeping requirements.

USDA/WSDA Egg Surveillance

Work to complete the inspections for the first quarter October, November, and December of 2005 continues.

The regulatory branch of USDA (FSIS) is investigating one registrant for violating temperature requirements under the US Egg Products Inspection Act.

FSIS, USDA Compliance Investigator, Pat Faith out of the Bothell office came to Olympia to work on a statement with Andy Scarborough covering the work food inspection personnel completed for USDA regarding Dai-Zen Farms of Burlington, Washington.

Food inspection program personnel who completed the USDA Shell Egg Surveillance Inspection under cooperative agreement took the non-compliant temperatures over a one-year period.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Performance Measures	R I	R U	Actual	Est.	PTD	YTD/Est.
The percentage of brand applications processed within 10 days of receipt	M	%	95%	90%	95%	90%
The percentage of Impounds reconciled in the field within 30 days from issue	Q	%	95%	90%	91.8%	90%
Number of educational/enforcement activities conducted per quarter	Q	#	8	10	5	10
Percentage of warning notices issued for documented violations	Q	%	100%	90%	99.2%	90%

RI = Reporting Increments RU = Reporting Unit

(2) Process Improvements/Status Reports

Work on the P&P charter team project continued in November with team members submitting feedback on the draft copy. The team is also discussing publishing the manual on CD, which will be searchable.

(3) Activities Narrative

There were 6286 brands renewed / recorded through November. The 2004-07 brand books arrived from the printer and distribution of pre-ordered and complementary copies has begun.

New computer equipment continues to be distributed to field staff. Leslie set up equipment and provided training to Inspector Steve Brown in early November. Staff has been mailed instructions for setting up dedicated phone lines and ISP connections.

Lori McCown, who recently accepted a position with the Department of Natural Resources, was hired back on an intermittent basis during November to work on several unfinished LID projects.

Doug Brown and Leslie worked together to update the Livestock ID website. The website has proven to be a popular site for those seeking information on branding, inspection requirements and livestock laws and rules.

Leslie Alexander and Ron Ferguson attended the two-day core investigator training in Olympia. To date three LID staff have attended this training.

Leslie represented the LID program at the November program managers meeting, which was held in Olympia.

Leslie and Kris Budde attended the monthly agency assessment meeting in Olympia.

Leslie, Kris Budde and Julie Carlson met with Diane Dolstad to review the current month's income/ expenses for the program. The group flagged several expenses for a follow-up review.

Leslie, Kris Budde and Ron Ferguson attended the Livestock ID and Animal Health meetings at the Washington Cattleman's Association annual convention in Pasco. Leslie gave a program update to the LID committee.

Leslie, Kathy Kravit-Smith, Chris Spaulding and Dr, Eldridge attended an advisory board meeting in Ellensburg on November 17th. Chaired by Neal Kayser, the board was introduced to Dr. Eldridge, new state veterinarian. Agenda items included a discussion of program organization, finances and ongoing activities. Chris Spaulding lead the group in a discussion of animal ID and the criteria for premise ID registration.

During November Leslie and Kris Budde met with field staff and conducted performance evaluations.

Leslie and Investigator Ferguson met with AG Kristen Mitchell in Olympia to discuss a case he is working on in Eastern WA.

Leslie met with Nam Faulder and Gloriann Northcraft to discuss workload issues in the Olympia office. A temp employee was hired to help out until a more permanent solution is found.

Kris Budde traveled to the Yakima area and provided training to a veterinarian who wished to be certified to issue LID inspection certificates.

Animal ID

Leslie attended an animal ID update meeting in Olympia with Director Loveland, Chris Spaulding, Dr. Eldridge and Kathy Kravit-Smith. The Northwest Pilot Program (NWPP) and WSDA project status were discussed.

While at the WCA convention in Pasco, Leslie, Dr. Eldridge and Chris Spaulding attended a breakfast meeting hosted by the NWPP. Project progress was discussed as well as participant criteria and obligations.

Investigator / Enforcement Activities

Five cases were closed during the month with one submitted to the Grant County Prosecutor with a request for charges to be filed for forgery/offering a false document.

Investigator Ferguson also issued Notice of Infraction (Civil Infractions) to an individual for transporting livestock (cattle) out of state without inspection.

LID staff issued warning notices for:

- Transporting livestock out of state without inspection (1 issued)
- Using a non recorded brand (2 issued)
- Failing to obtain inspection at time of sale/ private treaty (16 issued – representing 264 head)

New cases in November, which remain active, include two cases of leaving the state without inspection.

LIVESTOCK NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

LNMP Inspections

	Fiscal Year to Date	Qtr. Target	Qtr. 2 nd	Nov.
Dairy				
Inspections	128		43	21
Follow up	17		14	9
Investigations	4		4	1
Tech. Assistance	3		2	1
Initial Inspection	1			
Total	153	72	63	32
CAFO				
Inspections				
Follow up	4			1
Investigations				
Tech. Assistance	2		2	2
Initial Inspection				
Joint EPA Inspections				

LNMP Compliance

Action	Fiscal Year to Date	Qtr. 2 nd	Nov.
Penalties: lack of certification	28	14	14
NOVs			
Admin. Orders	1	1	1
Environmental Penalties			
Warning letters	38	24	14

Dairy Statistics

	Fiscal Year to Date	Qtr. 2 nd	Nov.
Current Dairies	593		593
New Dairies	19	1	1
Out of Business Dairies	6		6

Partnership and Training Activity	Fiscal Year to Date	Qtr. 2 nd	Nov.
Producer Groups Presentations	5	4	2
Stakeholder Group Presentations	3	2	1
Producer Group Meetings	3	2	1
Stakeholder Group Meetings	39	24	16

Technical training	5	4	4

(2) Process Improvement/Status Report

- Continue to meet with local CDs to discuss program, identify nutrient management technical issues and address solutions. (Canaan, Prest and Robinson)
- Working on guidance documents to aid inspection consistency and quality and aid producer implementation. (Canaan and Prest)
- Renewed conversation with Whatcom County agencies (DOH, Public Works, Emergency Mgmt) concerning spill response and cleanup in the event of a large-scale manure discharge. (Canaan)
- Met with Ecology regarding current status of program, coordination and budget. (Robinson and Mena)
- Gained agreement from EPA to join our inspectors for a week in January – primarily in NW but may include eastside as well, partially at request of industry. (Mena)
- Attended meeting to meet new state veterinarians. (Mena)

(3) Activities Narrative

- Continued coordination of WSDA inspection efforts with local partners. (Canaan, Prest and Robinson)
- Continued documentation of Red River Dairy (Aron Hovander) compliance (lack of) and worked with AAG, Program and Director on next steps for compliance. (Canaan, Robinson, Mena)
- Continued coordination with Ecology on WPLCs data system and reports. (Croese)
- Attended dairy industry annual meeting. (Croese and Robinson)
- Prepared for and attended/assisted DOC meeting #10 in Ellensburg. (Croese, Robinson, Mena)
- Attended WA Cattlemen's Assoc. annual meeting. (Mena)
- Continued revisions to draft legislation, and related documents. (Mena)

MICROBIOLOGY PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Report for the Month of November 2004, State FY 2005

This is the fifth report for fiscal year 2005, July 2004 through June 2005.

Performance Measure	RI	RU	Monthly Actual	Est.	YTD	YTD/ Est.
Animal Health: Conduct 90% of the Brucellosis serology testing within one working day of receipt of specimen except Brucellosis CF, which will be done within five working days.	M	% ct	100%-- 1,043out of 1,043 completed within 1/5 working days.	90%	100%--6,174out of 6,174 completed within 1/5 working days.	90%
Food Microbiology: Complete 80% of food testing for pH and water activity or the 3 major pathogens (Listeria monocytogenes, Salmonella sp., E. coli O157:H7) where "no pathogens found" within five working days of set-up.	M	% ct	100%--30out of 30 tests completed within 5 working days	80%	99.5%--276 out of 277 tests completed within 5 working days.	80%

(2) Process Improvement Status Report

Status of Charter Team Process Improvement

At the October meeting (3rd and final meeting) the Laboratory Space Charter Team came to a process improvement decision: Use the media room as the "clean room". The media room meets all of the physical requirements. There is one remaining concern. The hood in the media room needs to be evaluated to see if it meets the needs of the PCR project. The MDP Laboratory Supervisor will determine this. The team invited Janet Doyle, MDP, to visit the lab and do an assessment to be sure that our conclusion satisfies MDP program. She planned to visit November 15, 2004, however she cancelled her trip due to a serious family illness. She will visit sometime in the coming months.

Status of "Work Process Analysis": UDDER. The division is continuing work on the UDDER project that started in April 2004. Diane is the division management representative on the project management committee. The project management committee has been meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the morning. The project will be based on the organization documents (contract, charter, vision and work plan) that were finalized in June 2004. The steering committee meets the fourth Thursday of the month with meetings scheduled through the end of the year. The separate project for the Livestock Identification Program changed vendor management and new documents were drafted in July. Diane assisted the Livestock Identification Program with their strategic plan for IT. The UDDER contractors gave a demonstration on the dairy plant solution the end of September. The food safety officer representatives as well as lab, administrative and management staff attended the presentation. Unfortunately the demonstration was a little premature and before another one is presented, the kinks will be smoothed out.

The dairy plant solution was due the middle of October. It was actually delivered in early November. Unfortunately, this version also had significant flaws. The management committee requested the contractors try again and the next version is scheduled to arrive in early December. The pages of the new version that were shared in the final days of November appeared to be working better. The steering committee meetings were cancelled for November and December.

The project management committee plans to continue to meet with the consultants on Mondays as new versions of UDDER are produced and reviewed. A revised schedule is expected in December.

(3) Activities Narrative

There has been a breakdown in timely receipt of MDP samples sent via FEDEX. The MDP sampling manager as well as the USDA-AMS MPO office were alerted and are working on a solution. There was another late shipment on November 16, 2004.

MDP has changed direction on the Standard Operating Procedures used for the program. They have decided to "minimize" the details in the laboratory procedures and go to a more general format. They will rely on the laboratories to provide detailed written internal laboratory procedures. Our laboratory intends to continue using the detailed procedures previously dictated by MDP as our internal laboratory procedures. If we decide that we would prefer another procedure, we will rewrite it. But for now, we are changing nothing.

Susan Sorg, Lloyd Lauerman and Carol Larson attended the "Meet the new State Veterinarians" meeting at the Phoenix Inn. We agreed that it was very beneficial to bring all our partners together (State Public Health officials, state and federal veterinarians, veterinary advisory groups and state agriculture officials) and that future regular meetings should be scheduled. A discussion was held on when to reinstate our quarterly meetings with the state and federal veterinarians. February may be the target month.

Over Thanksgiving, food safety officers were called to investigate a small outbreak of *E. coli* 0157 associated with a custom meat packing operation. It is suspected that two people became ill after consuming deer sausage packed at the plant. Food safety staff swabbed the plant and submitted 40 samples plus deer sausage to the laboratory for *E. coli* 0157 testing. The laboratory moved these samples to high priority and rearranged staff hours in order to accommodate the analysis. No *E. coli* 0157 was detected on the swabs. The deer sausage is still in analysis. Food Safety also requested that the lab test the samples for Salmonella and Listeria. None of these results were available at the time of this report.

Crystal Verellen successfully passed the proficiency panel for certain serology Brucellosis tests. She has been added to the roster of analysts certified for Brucellosis serology testing (SPT, Rivanol, BAPA and card).

Diane and Susan attended the annual Poultry meeting in Puyallup mid-month. WSU hosts this meeting to provide updates on current poultry issues and future concerns.

Diane continued to meet with Dr. Eldridge and Dr. Vetter on Animal Health Program financial issues and available federal funds for animal health programs. She continued division financial management activity including input on the financial impact of Animal Health Program federal cooperative agreements and Livestock Identification Program expenditures (AFRS). She is slated as an interview panel member for hiring the new Assistant State Veterinarian during December.

QAO activities for October included three additional policies for the Quality Manual that was approved. A "Personnel Training Matrix" is in development as well as plans for a laboratory review. Four Animal Health procedures are in the review process. Carol has continued work on issues brought up at earlier Animal Health Section meetings.

Gary Husby and Karen Johnson attended the annual IMS FDA meeting in Reno, Nevada the week of November 15. They continued with laboratory assessments during the week of November 29 through December 2.

Diane worked on the Homeland Security Grant proposal for increasing laboratory capacity around the state in case of an agricultural emergency. All computers in the laboratory were upgraded to the XP operating system and they were also switched over to the NRB network.

ORGANIC FOOD PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measures Tracking

Performance Measure	R I	R U	Actual Results for Month	Est. Results/ Target	YTD Total	Est. YTD Total/Results Target
Surveillance Inspections conducted	M	#	2	4	48	44
Inspection reports responded to within 45 days of inspection	M	% #	66% 51 of 77	95%	76% 632 of 835	95%
Samples collected with no detected pesticide residues	M	% #	0	80%	81% 26 of 32	80%

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M = month (November 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004)

YTD = Year to date (January 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004)

(2) Process Improvements / Status Reports

Information Technology

An analysis of the Organic Program database was conducted in November. A final report of program errors and suggested fixes will be available in early December. An Organic Program Developer has been hired to fix the problems in the Organic Program database and to create some new applications to more effectively handle fees and tracking inspection work. Joaquin Santos has been hired for a three-month position as part of the College Career Graduate – Information Technology program.

Expanding Markets

WSDA obtained accreditation from the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM). This accreditation is the result of two years of work by all program staff. WSDA is the first government agency to receive IFOAM accreditation. IFOAM accreditation enhances WSDA's reputation for organic certification services. IFOAM accreditation is a critical factor for the European organic market and it should result in increased sales of Washington organic food products in Europe.

Training

Les Eklund trained Dave Horn to conduct handler and processor inspections.

(3) Activities Narrative

Tilth Producers of Washington

The Tilth Producers of Washington celebrated their 30th anniversary in Portland, Oregon. Vandana Shiva and Jim Hightower were two of the keynote speakers. Miles McEvoy received an award for his commitment to a new vision of Agriculture, and his leadership to develop an Organic Certification Program that embodies integrity and co-operation.

USDA ISO Guide 65 Audit Findings

The USDA Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch conducted an audit of the WSDA Organic Certification Program in October. The audit was to verify conformance to the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Guide 65, General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems. As a result of the review, they determined that the WSDA program is sufficiently maintained.

Charter Teams

Three separate charter teams have been busy improving the Organic System Plans for Cropping Systems, Livestock, and Handlers/Processors. Each charter team has met, created work plans and exchanged drafts. The Organic System Plans will be revised by mid-December for the 2005 application packets.